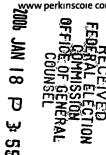
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Re: MUR 5696

Dear Mr. Jordan:

My firm is counsel to Kerry-Edwards 2004, Inc and David Thorne, as Treasurer (collectively, "the Committee"). A Designation of Counsel to that effect is on file with your office. I write to seek an extension of time in which to respond to the complaint in the above-referenced MUR.

The Committee received the complaint on January 6, 2006, and it understands that its response would normally be due on January 21, 2006. However, the Committee requires additional time to develop the information that would permit it to respond. Accordingly, the Committee respectfully requests a 30-day extension, so that is permitted to respond on or before February 20, 2006.

Please advise me as soon as possible regarding the requested extension. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Marc E. Elias

Counsel to the Committee